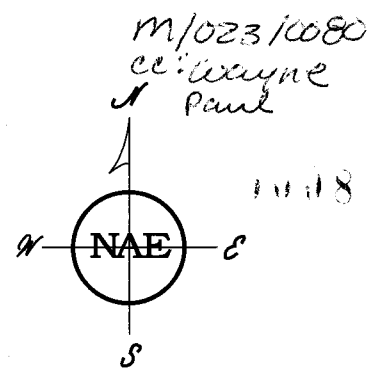


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MINERAL EXPLORATION SERVICES



October 29, 2009

Mr. Paul Baker
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Dear Mr. Baker,

Reference is made to Atlas Mining Company's "Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations" at the Dragon Mine. The mine currently operates under a Small Mine Permit, and an Exploration Permit is also in place.

The NOI was received by your office on August 6, 2009 and is under review by Wayne Western. Mr. Western visited the mine site on September 6th and sent us an email on October 7th stating that he was "in the process of reviewing the documents you sent in".

We are very concerned about the status of the Dragon Mine NOI. It has been almost three months now and we have received no input which is contrary to Division regulation R47-4-101.1. This regulation states "*Within 30 days after receipt of a Notice of Intention, or within 30 days after the receipt of any subsequent submittal, the Division will complete its review and notify the operator in writing.*"

Doug Jensen and I request a meeting with you and your staff to review the status of the NOI. This would enable us to find out where we stand and do what we need to satisfy your requirements and move forward with the development at the Dragon Mine.

Sincerely,

O. Jay Gatten

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cc: Andre Zeitoun
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